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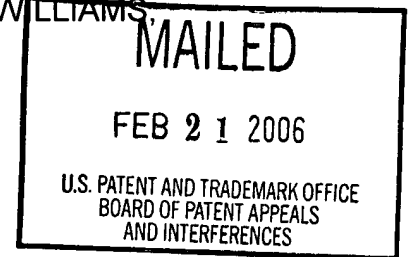
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte AVI J. ASHKENAZI, KEVIN P. BAKER,
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Appeal No. 2006-0643
Application 09/991,854

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL



On January 20, 2005, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On January 19, 2006, appellants filed a communication requesting express abandonment of this application.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed January 20, 2005, is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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